## CITY OF BETHEL

## Resolution \# 17-04

## A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION TO FACILITATE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ALASKA GROUND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT SUPPLEMENTAL REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM IN ALASKA

Whereas, the City of Bethel provides emergency medical services to residents and visitors to Bethel;
Whereas, the City of Bethel receives partial reimbursement for the cost of providing emergency medical services to Medicaid beneficiaries;
Whereas, the City of Bethel emergency medical service providers incur additional uncompensated costs when providing services to Medicaid beneficiaries;

Whereas, Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services provide supplementary reimbursement of uncompensated costs incurred by emergency medical service providers in the treatment and transportation of Medicaid beneficiaries in states participating in the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation program;
Whereas, Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services provide reimbursement for the administrative costs associated with administration of the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation program;

Whereas, the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation program is not part of any Medicaid expansion effort and is not associated with the Affordable Care Act;

Whereas, enacting State legislation supporting the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation program is a first step toward the City of Bethel being able to recover the uncompensated costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council supports State of Alaska legislation facilitating implementation of the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation program in Alaska.

## ENACTED THIS 28th DAY OF MARCH 2017 BY A VOTE OF 5 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.

## ATTEST:



